



Provider Communication

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Dear Providers,

The Department of Community Health (DCH) is aware of the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services' (CMS) announcement to discontinue the use of hospital inpatient and office visit Evaluation & Management (E/M) CPT Consultation Codes (99241-99245; 99251-99255) — excluding Telehealth consultation G-codes—beginning January 2010.

The Department understands the physician consultation codes remain valid. Therefore, the Department does not plan to change how the consultation codes are currently processed or reimbursed at this time; unless otherwise mandated by CMS or the codes become invalid.

It is within the discretion of the individual CMO whether it elects to adopt or not to adopt Medicare's changes pertaining to physician consultation codes. Refer to the CMO directly regarding coverage of E/M consultation codes.

Additional coverage and reimbursement guidelines are outlined in the Part II Policies and Procedures for Physician Services manual, accessible on the Georgia Health Partnership (GHP) website at www.ghp.georgia.gov.

For additional questions please contact the GHP Provider Inquiry line at 800-766-4456.